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the FABULOUS
**HUMAN
TORCH!***

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EVEN THE
HUMAN TORCH
CAN'T SAVE ALL
THOSE PLUNGING,
MEN AT ONCE!!!
AND SO, THE
DESTROYER
WINS AGAIN!

IF I SAVE
THOSE MEN,
THE DESTROYER
WILL GO
FREE! BUT
I CAN'T LET
THEM FALL!!
I CAN'T!!

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the HUMAN TORCH

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IT!! I'VE
OUT-RACED AN
ATOMIC-
POWERED
GUIDED
MISSILE!!

THE HUMAN TORCH APPEARS
IN STRANGE TALES THRU THE
COURTESY OF THE
FANTASTIC FOUR
MAGAZINE!

BUT THAT'S ENOUGH
KIDDING AROUND FOR TODAY!
IT'S TIME TO LAND BEFORE
MY FLAME DIES OUT!

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LIKE A METEOR IN THE
NIGHT, THE FIERY FIGURE
STREAKS OVER LONG
ISLAND UNTIL...

THERE'S GLENVILLE! I'D
BETTER LAND ON THE
OUTSKIRTS OF THE TOWN,
WHERE NO ONE WILL
SEE ME!

THIS COMMUNITY HAS BE-
COME REAL POPULAR,
SINCE IT BECAME KNOWN
THAT THE **INVISIBLE
GIRL*** LIVES HERE!



BUT THOUGH EVERYONE IN
TOWN KNOWS MY SISTER,
SUE IS THE INVISIBLE GIRL,
NO ONE KNOWS THAT I'M
THE HUMAN TORCH!



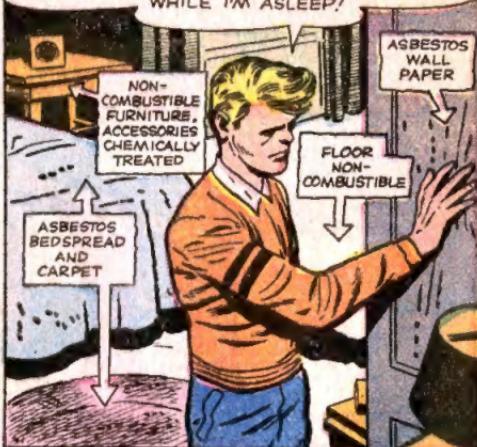
EDITOR'S NOTE:
FOUR OF JOHNNY'S
SCHOOLMATES **DID** KNOW
HIS SECRET IDENTITY,
BUT THEY GRADUATED
HIGH SCHOOL LAST TERM!
NOW ONE OF THEM IS
IN THE ARMY, TWO ARE
AWAY AT COLLEGE, AND
THE FOURTH IS WORKING
IN CHICAGO! ALL HAVE
BEEN SWORN TO
SECRET!

AND NOW, FOR OUR
STRANGE SAGA...
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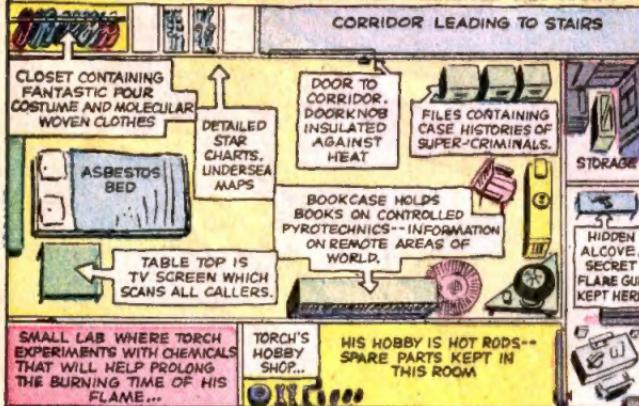
IT'S A GOOD THING THE TOWN ISN'T AWARE OF MY OTHER IDENTITY! THE LESS PUBLICITY I HAVE THE BETTER I LIKE IT! AFTER ALL, I DON'T GET MY KICKS BY BEING CONSIDERED A FLAMING FREAK!



IT'S A GOOD THING MR. FANTASTIC* HELPED ME DESIGN THIS ASBESTOS ROOM, IN CASE I HAVE A NIGHTMARE AND ACCIDENTALLY FLAME ON WHILE I'M ASLEEP!



FOR THE TECHNICAL-MINDED READER, WE PRESENT A DETAILED LAYOUT OF JOHNNY STORM'S SPECIALLY-DESIGNED BEDROOM!



I WONDER WHAT THE KIDS IN GLENVILLE WOULD SAY IF THEY KNEW THAT JOHNNY STORM IS ACTUALLY THE HUMAN TORCH?



FOR THOSE FEW READERS WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE ORIGIN OF THE HUMAN TORCH, THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY MAY PROVE HELPFUL...



BUT THERE WAS A MISHAP...WE WERE BOMBARDIED BY COSMIC RAYS--AND THEN CAME THE CRASH!



* MR. FANTASTIC: LEADER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR

THEN THE CHANGE HIT US!! SUE... MY SISTER... SHE BECAME...



...INVISIBLE!



AND POOR BEN... HE TURNED INTO...



...THE THING!



REED'S BODY DEVELOPED THE POWER TO STRETCH...



...WHEN THEY CALL HIM MR. FANTASTIC THEY AIN'T KIDDIN'!



...AND I... I TURNED INTO A BLAZING HUMAN BEING!



...INTO A HUMAN TORCH...



...YES, ALL OF US CHANGED, BECAUSE OF THE AWESOME POWER OF THE COSMIC RAYS WHICH HAD BOMBARDDED US!



BUT, WHILE JOHNNY STORM RELIVES THE LEGENDARY ORIGIN OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, LET US TURN OUR ATTENTION ELSEWHERE IN GLENVILLE... WHERE A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE LURKS IN THE SHADOWS...

THE AMUSEMENT PARK IS ALMOST FINISHED! IT IS TIME FOR THE DESTROYER TO STRIKE!



* BEN GRIMM, EX-SPACE-PILOT... MIGHTY MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!

ON THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING DAY,
JOHNNY AND HIS FRIENDS PASS GLENVILLE'S
NEWEST ENTERTAINMENT SITE...

I CAN HARDLY WAIT
TILL THE PARK
OPENS! BOY! THEY'VE GOT A FUN
HOUSE... A ROLLER COASTER
...EVERYTHING!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE OFFICE OF CHARLES
STANTON, PUBLISHER OF THE TOWN'S NEWS-
PAPER...

THIS NOTE ARRIVED IN THE
MAIL TODAY, MR. STANTON!



BAH! IT'S JUST A CRANK
NOTE! PROBABLY SOME NUT
WHO'S GOT A THING AGAINST
PEOPLE HAVING FUN!



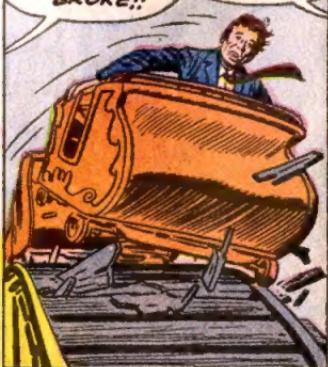
AND SO THE WARNING IS
IGNORED! THE NEXT DAY...

LOOK! THAT GUY IS
TESTING OUT
THE ROLLER
COASTER!



SURE! THEY
HAVE TO HAVE
AN EXPERT
CHECK IT OUT,
BEFORE THEY
CAN OPEN IT
TO THE PUBLIC!

BUT SUDDENLY...
OH NO!! LOOK!!
THE TRACK
BROKE!!



I MUST CHANGE INTO THE TORCH AND SAVE
HIM! NO ONE ELSE CAN! BUT IF I FLAME
ON, MYSELF-- EVERYONE HERE WILL
LEARN MY SECRET IDENTITY!



WAIT!! THAT
CIGARETTE
LIGHTER!
THAT'S THE
ANSWER!



WHEN I FIRST BECAME THE TORCH, I GAINED THE ABILITY TO CONTROL ANY FLAME WITHIN A FEW FEET OF ME!

I'LL IMPOSE MY WILL UPON THE FLAME OF THAT CIGARETTE LIGHTER! **THERE!** I'M MAKING IT GIVE OFF MORE SMOKE!



HEY! -COUGH COUGH- WHERE'D ALL THIS SMOKE COME FROM??

I DUNNO... -HACK- LEMME OUTA HERE!



AND NOW THAT I'M SAFELY SCREENED, I CAN BECOME -- THE **HUMAN TORCH!**

FLAME ON!



HE'S FALLING! ONLY SECONDS TO ACT!



DOUSING THE FLAME OF HIS ARMS, THE HUMAN TORCH SEIZES THE FALLING MAN IN MID-AIR!

GOT YOU!

WHA-?? HOW??



YOU'LL BE OKAY NOW, FELLA!

LOOK!! THE HUMAN TORCH SAVED HIM!!



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SDRAWKCAB



MOST people agreed that he was a backward baby. He didn't coo or gurgle to himself or play games with his hands like most infants. Instead, he adopted a strange gibberish form of speech that even his parents didn't pretend to understand. Nor did he crawl contentedly like most babies do when he was placed upon the floor. Instead, when he spied an object that he wanted, he would inch himself slowly *backward* until his pudgy fingers clasped around it. And when he finally stood on wobbly legs and begun to walk, he lurched in the opposite direction from his parents' outstretched arms.

Of course, his parents were pained and quite a bit puzzled. Their neighbors, however, were sympathetic and always solicitous about the child's progress. After all, Mr. and Mrs. Oston Trams seemed like a normal contented couple . . . even if their offspring's behavior was decidedly odd! The child's name, Laer Trams, seemed somewhat odd, too, but most folks assumed that it was just a family name passed down from one generation to another.

As time passed, the child matured in size and understanding. He still walked backwards, but now he managed to maneuver himself into his parents' arms merely by cocking an eye over his shoulder and steering himself accordingly. It was just as though he

were an automobile that had to be shifted in reverse gear in order to back into a desired parking space.

Yet he was a handsome child with an alert, intelligent look. He listened attentively to his parents and comprehension always registered immediately on his features. But that's as far as it went. He just didn't seem able to communicate his thoughts to them.

His speech had speeded up considerably. He spoke in words of many syllables. Yet no one could understand what he was saying unless he pointed to an object and gestured obviously. He learned to dress himself perfectly at an early, age except that he usually put his shoes on the wrong feet. He learned to bathe himself quickly and also how to comb his own hair, although most people were struck by the fact that he always parted his hair on the right side.

But it was his amazing athletic skill that captured the imagination of his neighbors. He could run like the wind, yet he ran only in a backwards direction and easily outdistanced playmates of his own age who were running frantically forward! There were frequent witnesses to this feat, but they only shook their heads sadly when they recounted the stories to Laer's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Trams were proud and perplexed at the same time. Obviously, Laer was an in-

telligent, gifted child, but he wasn't growing up in an ordinary fashion. He was regarded as an oddity by his friends, and yet their reaction was mingled with genuine respect for his athletic prowess and his eagerness to participate in their play despite his obvious handicaps.

He garbled his words so that they couldn't be recognized, yet he never grew angry or impatient with his friends' inability to understand him. Instead, patiently he would plod along with them as soon as he received instructions from the leader of their games.

At times, his weakness became his strength. He played at the End position in football, and he had the advantage of running speedily downfield without ever having to take his eye off the pass-throwing quarterback on his team. Understandably, he was the star receiver and leading scorer in his school league.

In high school, he was the sensation of the swimming squad. Nobody could keep up with him in the backstroke races, and before long Laer had broken every established record in the books for every competitive backstroke distance.

He proved that he had both ambition and ability in his off-school hours by using his handicap to land a job on the local newspaper. Every newspaperman knows that type

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CAN'T KEEP MY FLAME ON MUCH LONGER! I'LL LAND IN THE SMOKE AREA AND BECOME JOHNNY STORM AGAIN!



AT LAST! THE SMOKE'S CLEARING. I CAN SEE AGAIN!

WHO KNOWS? SEARCH ME!



IT MUST'VE BEEN CAUSED BY THE TORCH! BUT WHY'D HE DO IT??

JUST AS HE REACHED THE TOP OF THE COASTER, THE TRACK BROKE--AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN CUT! BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE SABOTAGE A ROLLER COASTER?

NO REASON! IT MUST HAVE JUST BEEN AN ACCIDENT... PROBABLY DUE TO FAULTY CONSTRUCTION!



BUT, THE FOLLOWING DAY... AT THE OFFICE OF THE GLENVILLE GAZETTE...

ANOTHER CRANK NOTE!!



HMMMM... MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING TO THIS! I'D BETTER SEE THE OWNER OF THE PARK!

YESTERDAY I almost
killed a MAN! Unless
CONSTRUCTION of TIME
amusement PARK stops
I SHALL STRIKE AGAIN!
The
DESTROYER!

NO... THERE'S PROBABLY NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ACCIDENT WE HAD AND THIS CRANK WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE DESTROYER! IT MUST BE A COINCIDENCE!

WELL, I JUST WANTED TO BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION!

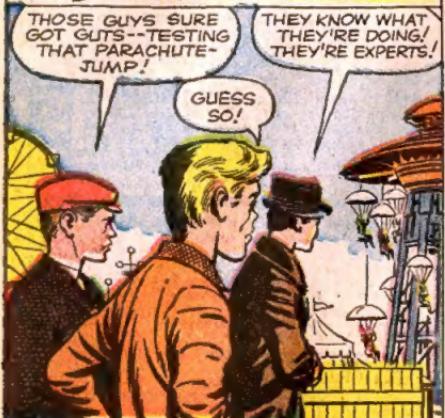


BUT THEN, A FEW DAYS LATER...

THOSE GUYS SURE GOT GUTS--TESTING THAT PARACHUTE-JUMP!

THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING! THEY'RE EXPERTS!

GUESS SO!



THEN, SUDDENLY...

LOOK! THE TOWER'S BREAKING!!

THE RIDE WILL FALL! THOSE MEN WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!!



ANOTHER EMERGENCY! ANOTHER JOB FOR THE HUMAN TORCH! AGAIN I HAVE JUST SECONDS TO DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THE CROWD SO THAT I CAN BURST INTO FLAME, UNSEEN!

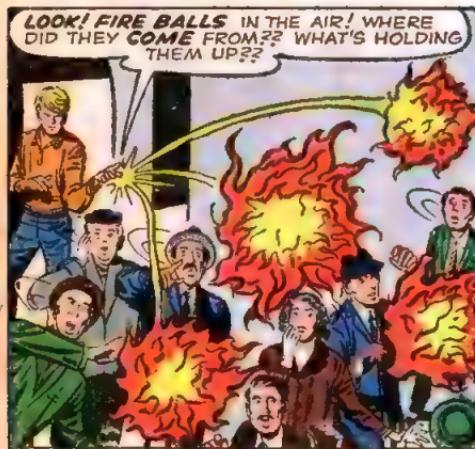


WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT, THE AMAZING TEEN-AGER LEAPS INTO GALVANIZED ACTION!

BY LIMITING MY FLAME TO THE TIP OF MY FINGER, I CAN SHOOT OUT CONTROLLED PELLETS OF FIRE!



LOOK! FIRE BALLS IN THE AIR! WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?? WHAT'S HOLDING THEM UP??



NOW, WHILE EVERYONE'S LOOKING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, I'LL RUN IN HERE AND CHANGE INTO THE TORCH!



HEY! IT'S THE HUMAN TORCH AGAIN! HE'LL SAVE THOSE GUYS!

HOW?? EVEN HE CAN'T GRAB FIVE MEN AT ONCE!

HE'LL HAVE TO SAVE ONE OR TWO -- AND LET THE OTHERS DIE!

HOW CAN HE DECIDE WHO TO CHOOSE??

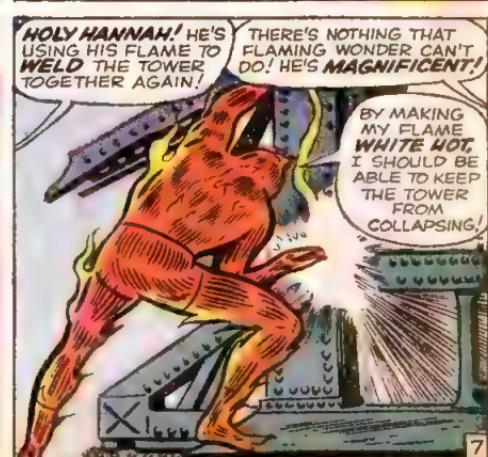
FLAME ON!



HOLY HANNAH! HE'S USING HIS FLAME TO WELD THE TOWER TOGETHER AGAIN!

THERE'S NOTHING THAT FLAMING WONDER CAN'T DO! HE'S MAGNIFICENT!

BY MAKING MY FLAME WHITE HOT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP THE TOWER FROM COLLAPSING!



the **HUMAN TORCH**

**PART
2**

"THE FLAMING FURY STRIKES BACK!!"





LOOK, THING--
THE DESTROYER CHALLENGED ME,
AND I'M NOT GONNA CHICKEN OUT!

BAH! I SHOULD KNOWN I WAS WASTIN' MY TIME!
WELL, G'WAN, FIGHT THE DESTROYER! IT'S YOUR FUNERAL!

AND SO, JOHNNY STORM, AS THE AMAZING HUMAN TORCH, SETS OUT...

THERE'S THE CABIN! FROM HERE ON IN,

I'D BETTER TAKE IT SLOW AND EASY!

THERE HE IS... WAITING FOR ME! HE MUST HAVE SOME TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE!



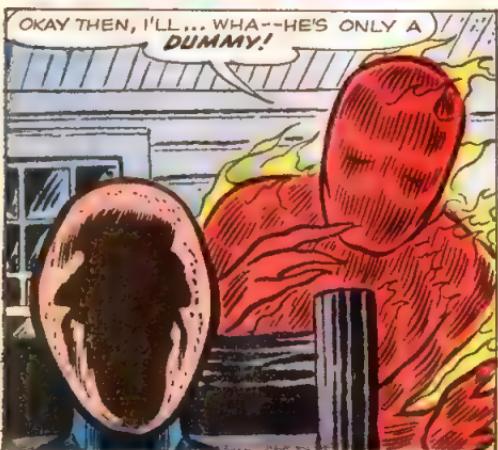
OKAY, DESTROYER--I DON'T KNOW WHAT POWERS YOU'VE GOT, BUT I'M PITTIN' MINE AGAINST THEM!

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?? I SAID I'M ACCEPTING YOUR CHALLENGE! C'MON--STAND UP AND FACE ME!



OKAY THEN, I'LL... WHA--HE'S ONLY A DUMMY!

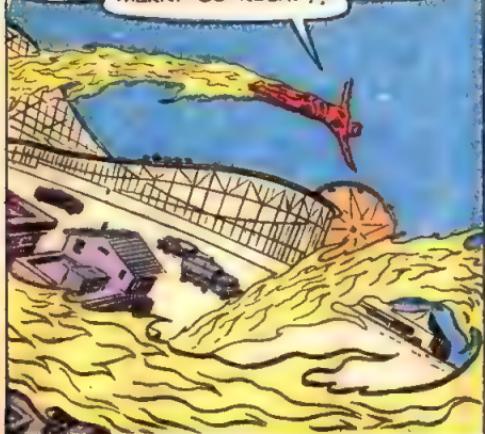
AND, AT THAT MOMENT, THE TORCH UNWITTINGLY TRIPS AN ELECTRIC EYE BEAM...



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THE DESTROYER TRIED TO WRECK ONLY THE TALL AMUSEMENTS! WHY?? WHY DIDN'T HE SABOTAGE THE FERRIS WHEEL OR THE MERRY-GO-ROUND??



AND A MOMENT LATER, ATOP THE ROLLER COASTER, THE HUMAN TORCH FINDS HIS ANSWER!

SO THAT'S IT! MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT!!



LOOK, COMARDE! THE YANKEE MAN OF FIRE HAS SEEN US!

A COMMIE SUB!!

SUBMERGE!!



THEY'VE GONE UNDER, BUT I'LL MAKE IT TOO HOT FOR THEM TO REMAIN THERE!



FLYING LOW OVER THE WATER, THE TORCH'S FLAME CAUSES IT TO BOIL...



OUR INTELLIGENCE WAS RIGHT! THERE'S THE COMMIE SUB!



WE'VE BEEN AFTER THESE JOKERS FOR A LONG TIME! IF WE HADN'T SPOTTED THEM BY THE LIGHT OF THE TORCH'S FLAME, THEY MIGHT STILL BE FREE!

AND NOW FOR THE LEADER OF THE RED SPIES!



THERE HE IS...
THE COMMIES'
CONTACT MAN!
THE
DESTROYER!!!

GET
HIM!

YES, IT IS
I! BUT YOU'LL
NEVER TAKE
ME ALIVE!

AS FOR
YOU,
TORCH,
YOUR
DAYS OF
MEDDLING
ARE OVER!

THAT'S WHAT
YOU THINK,
MISTER!

MY GUN! IT'S MELTING!



CHARLES
STANTON,
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OF THE TOWN'S
NEWSPAPER!
I CAN HARDLY
BELIEVE IT!

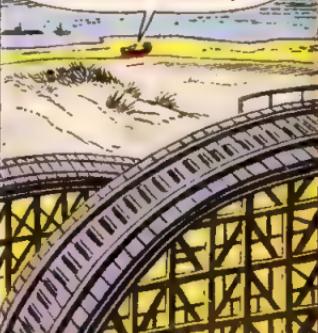
HE ALMOST FOOLED
EVERYONE! HE
EVEN SENT THOSE
WARNING NOTES
TO HIMSELF, SO
NO ONE WOULD
SUSPECT HIM OF
BEING THE
DESTROYER!

BUT WHY DID
HE WANT THE
AMUSEMENT
PARK
CLOSED?



THAT'S SIMPLE!
HE WAS
SMUGGLING
INFORMATION
TO THE RED
SUB! THIS IS A
SECLUDED AREA
AND NO ONE
WAS ABLE TO
SEE WHAT
WAS GOING ON,
UNTIL--

...UNTIL THE ROLLER COASTER
AND PARACHUTE JUMP WERE
BUILT! FROM UP THERE, ANY-
ONE COULD SEE THE SUB
SURFACING AT STANTON'S
PRIVATE BEACH!



SO, TO MAKE SURE HE WASN'T
DISCOVERED, STANTON HAD TO
STOP THE AMUSEMENT PARK
FROM OPENING!

MY FLAME WON'T LAST
MUCH LONGER! I'VE
GOT TO ZOOM
OFF--FAST!



TORCH, WAIT!
WE WANT TO
THANK YOU...

HE'S GONE!!



AND SO, THE DESTROYER IS FINISHED!
BUT FOR THE HUMAN TORCH, THERE WILL
BE ANOTHER GRIPPING ADVENTURE IN THE
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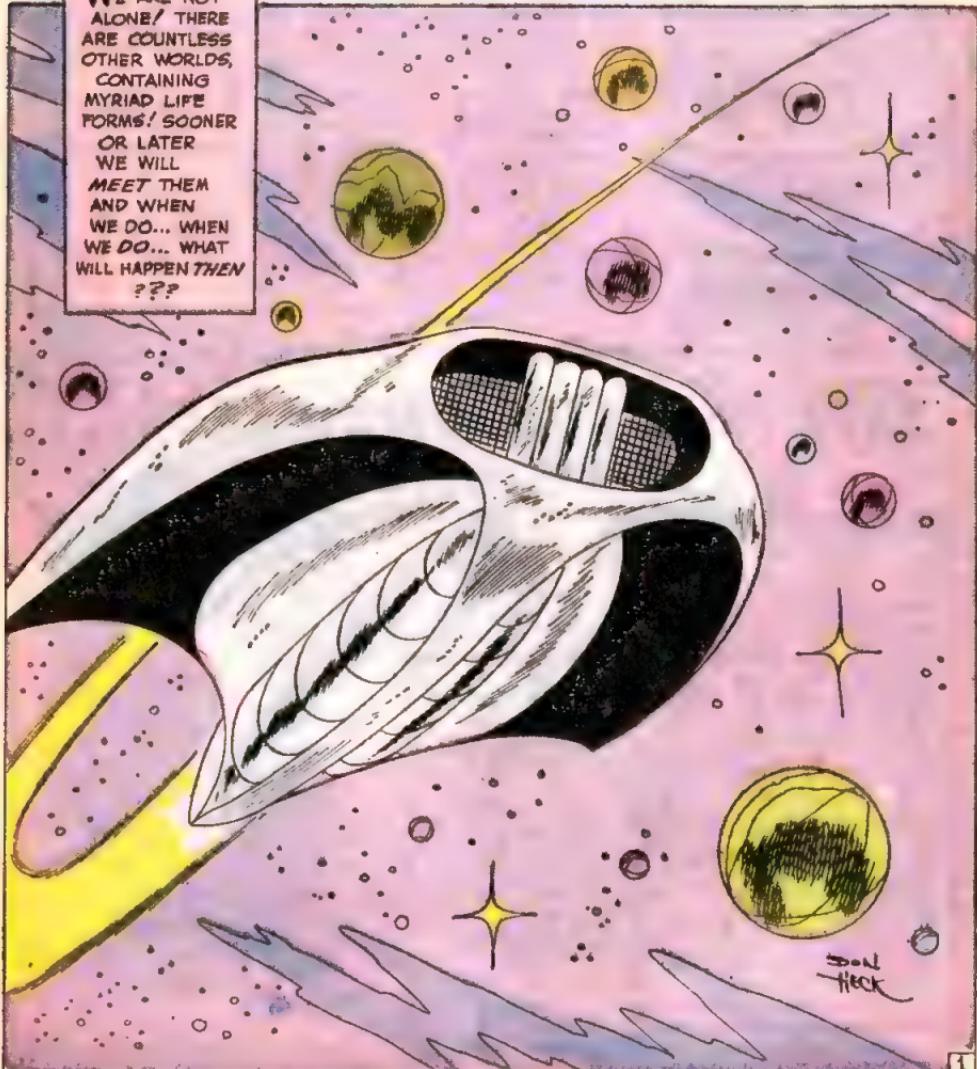


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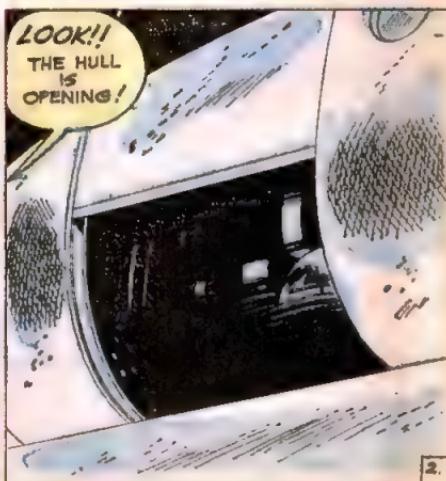
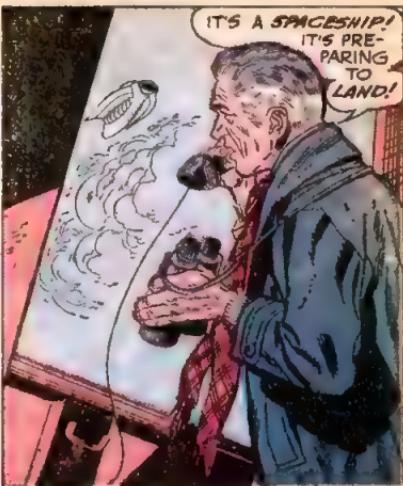
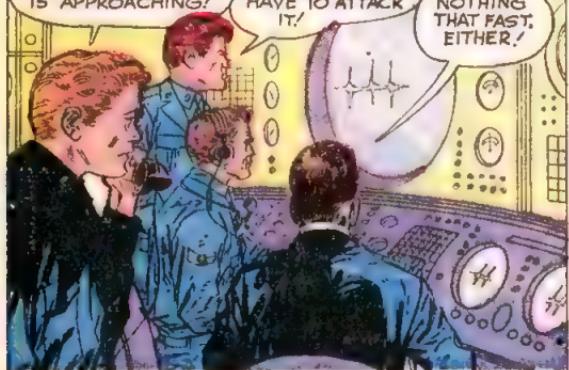
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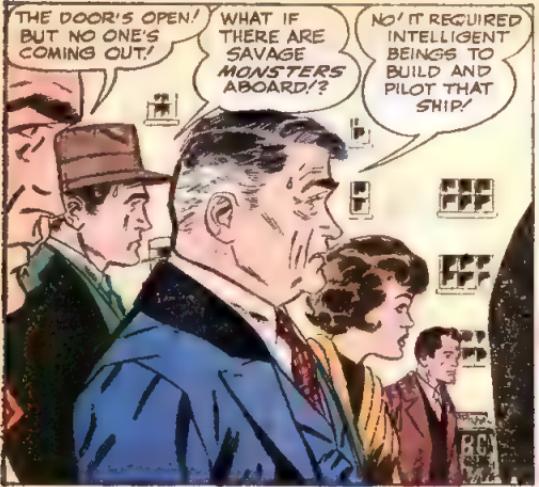
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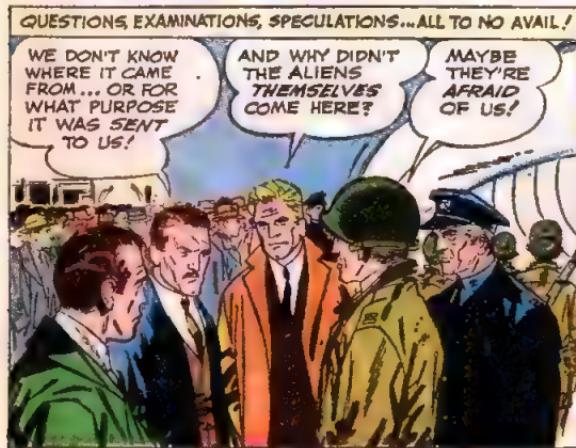
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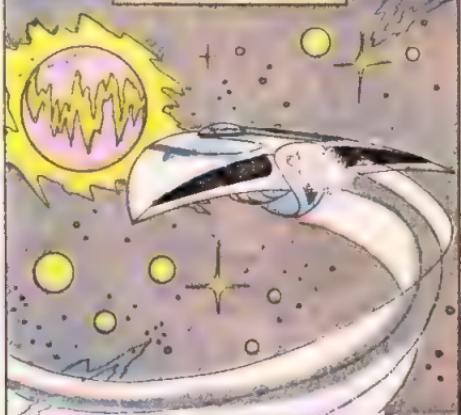




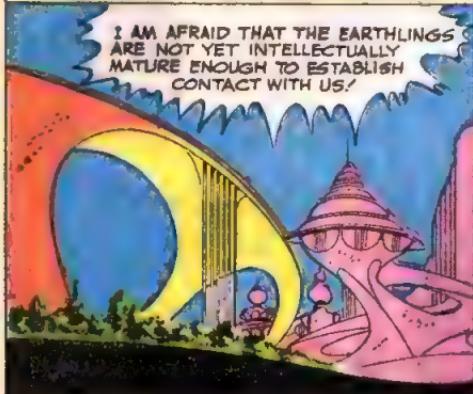
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comes off the linotypes printed backwards on molten metal slugs. Of course, when all the slugs are assembled and ink is rolled on the tightly-held stack, the printed matter comes off in reverse on the paper. It takes many good men years to learn how to read print backwards, but for Laer it was a cinch. His speed and accuracy were unrivaled, and soon he was pulling down a large paycheck for his part-time services.

Despite his ability to get along with other people and despite his undeniable progress in several fields, his parents and teachers pondered long hours over his strange behavior. Nobody, however, got any tangible results until Laer was assigned to an extra-curricular job at school. He was asked to assist the school projectionist, Mike Ross, who ran off the educational movies for group classes in the auditorium. Mike was also a grade adviser who had always taken a special interest in Laer.

One day, all the students were assembled in the auditorium. The lights were dimmed, the movie projector began its busy whirring and the bright beam of light illuminated the screen. Suddenly, a jumble of pictures flashed across the screen, and the sound track produced a garbled combination of sounds.

"The film's running in reverse and so's the sound track," many voices chorused.

"Turn on the lights and let 'em fix it," other voices advised.

As the lights went on, Mike Ross turned slowly and stared at Laer. "You know something," he said kindly, "that backward sound track sounded just like you when you get all wound up. Did you notice that?"

Laer nodded his head vigorously. "Sdrawkcab!" he seemed

to mumble.

"What's that?" Mike leaned forward anxiously to catch Laer's words.

"Sdrawkcab!" Laer repeated in a louder voice.

Mike's eyes sparkled with sudden excitement. "I get it!" he exclaimed. "Sdrawkcab! That's the word *backwards* spelled backwards! That's why nobody has ever been able to understand you. You speak backwards . . . you spell backwards . . . and you do *everything* backwards!"

"That's the secret . . . you run, swim, read and print backwards, too. Everyone has al-



ways known that you were a bright boy who understands everybody else, but you've never been able to make other people understand you. And no wonder! But now that we know the reason, perhaps we can help you out!"

Soon after he had restored the film and the sound track to working order, Mike took Laer to the principal's office. A special meeting was scheduled, and all waited patiently until Laer's parents arrived. The principal, armed with the special information that Mike had stumbled upon, began the discussion.

"For some reason," he said

hesitantly, "your son Laer has been doing everything backwards from the time he was born. Everyone has been aware of it in many forms, including yourselves, and yet no one has ever been able to put his finger on the *real* reason for his strange accomplishments or his inability to do things like other children."

He paused dramatically. "But now we know that he does *everything* backwards. Now why would he do that? It's obvious that he's really an intelligent boy despite this obvious mental block. No one can deny he's real smart."

"Real smart," Mike echoed. "Laer Trams!"

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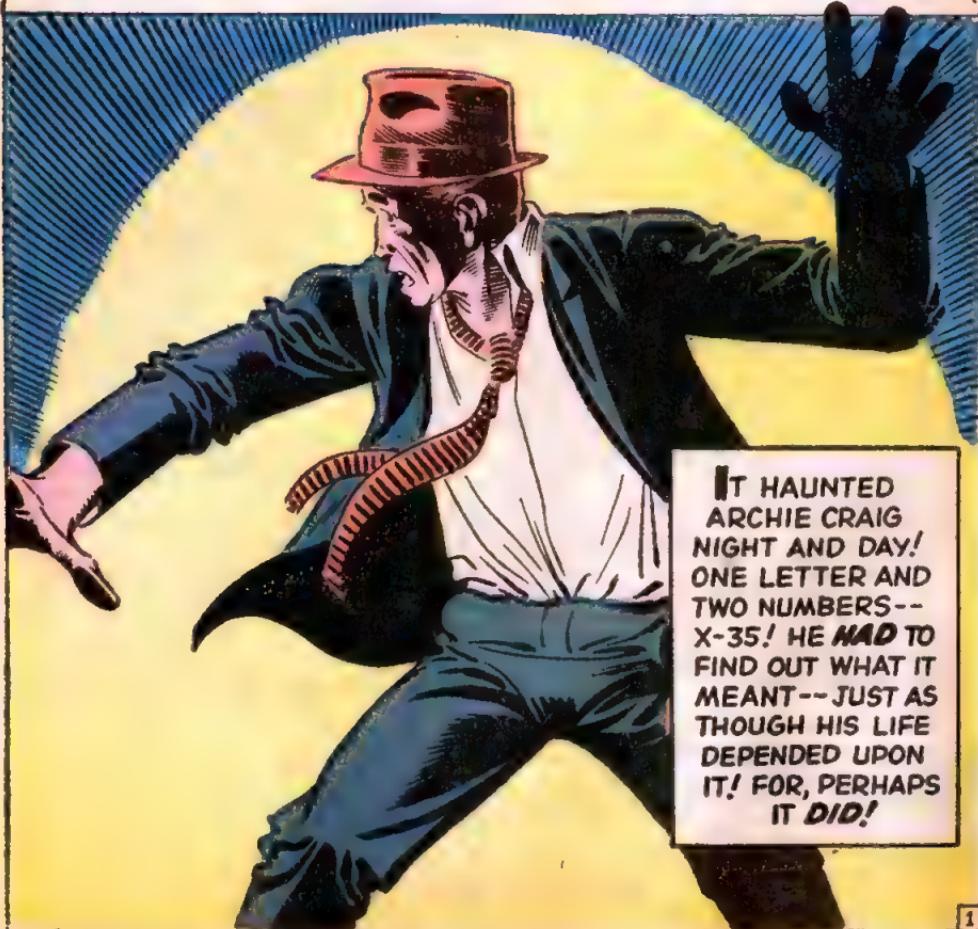
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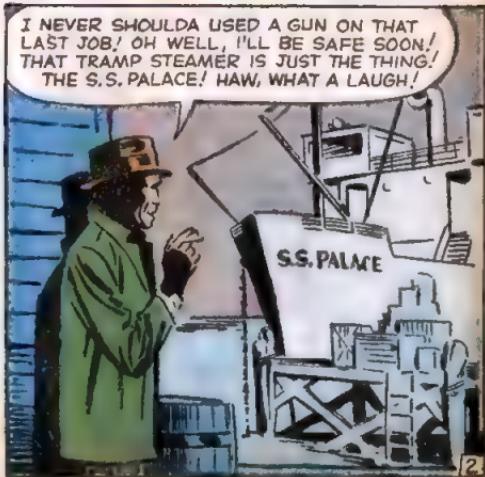
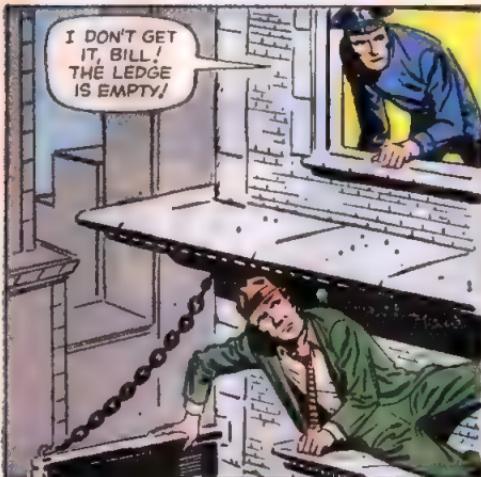
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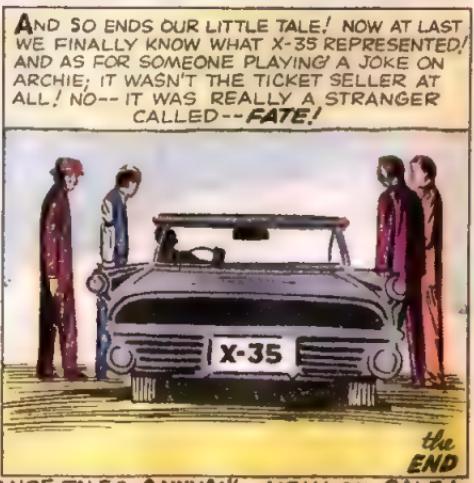
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Bank vault has combination type lock that gives an alarm when opened. Protects valuable and possessions. Frightened off would be invaders of your privacy. Excellent for storing money, valuables, prizes. No. 2113.....\$1.49



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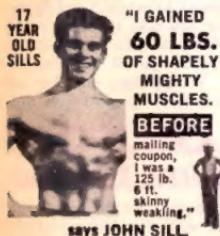
William Butler,

says to YOU, "No matter WHAT your age, I advise you, SEND for the A.B.C. WONDER PICTURE COURSES at once."

How would **YOU** like to have 18½" INCH ARMS a 52 inch CHEST like this A.B.C. pupil NOW has?

"NO MATTER WHAT YOUR AGE
I'll show you, by my quick, easy SECRETS

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like my pupils here did and THOUSANDS do now."



YOU can add
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"Both gained pounds of powerful
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60 LBS.
OF SHAPELY
MIGHTY
MUSCLES.
BEFORE
"I LOST
30 LBS.
OF
DANGEROUS
UGLY
FAT
4 INCHES
OFF MY
WAIST!"

28 year old
Felipe
Mendoza

"That 220 lb. FAT-BOY at
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body, made me a new man
my 47" chest
my 32" waist
15" difference
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of you
now,
Tony."

Pasqualina

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give me
a tumble
before
I passed
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